GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF OIL & GAS RESERVES BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has formulated a comprehensive plan for the exploration of oil and gas reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the States proposed to be covered under the said plan; and

(c) the total funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir.

ONGC is presently carrying out exploration for oil and gas reserves in the country as per the Tenth Five Year Plan exploration programme.

The Tenth Five Year Plan exploration programme envisages plans for acquisition of 4,786 Line Kilometre of 2D seismic data, 3,934 sq.km. of 3D seismic data and drilling of 408 exploratory wells in onland areas of Cambay basin in Gujarat, Jaisalmer basin in Rajasthan, Assam Shelf & Assam Arakan Fold Belt basins in Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura, Krishna-Godavari basin in Andhra Pradesh, Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu, Bengal basin in West Bengal and Frontier onland basins in Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

In addition, acquisition of 30,500 Line Kilometre of 2D seismic data, 30,900 Sq.km. of 3D seismic data and drilling of 153 exploratory wells in offshore areas off the east and west coasts area is also planned.

As on 1-4-2005, ONGC have acquired 8,611.84 Line Kilometre of 2D seismic data, 5,142.44 Sq.Km. of 3D seismic data and drilled 300 exploratory wells in onland areas in first 3 years of Tenth Five Year Plan. In offshore areas, ONGC have acquired 35,123.18 Line Kilometre of 2D seismic data, 43,808.76 Sq.Km. of 3D seismic data and drilled 83 exploratory wells in the first 3 years of Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) : The total approved outlay for the Tenth Five Year Plan was Rs.33,418.95 crore. As on1-4-2005, ONGC have already made an expenditure of 23,367.37 crore in the first 3 years of Tenth Five Year Plan.